

**Morgan County Commission Meeting  
September 11, 2017**

**Members present:**

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President  
Commissioner Robert Ford  
Commissioner Ken Reed

**Staff present:** Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Planning Assistant; and Kristy Farris Somers, Commission Secretary

**Public Present:** Lori Kiley; Trish Strader; Barbara Wolfe; Carol York; Debbie Weaver, and Danelle Hofe.

The meeting was opened by Cathy Spielman Deputy Clerk, at 9:30 am

**Administration Items:**

**Appointment to Civil Service Board to appoint Ronald Stotler**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to appoint Ronald Stotler to the Civil Service Commission Board as a representative of the County Commission to replace the resignation of Johnnie Walters. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried

**Agenda Items**

**Appointment of Prosecuting Attorney- Executive Session**

Commissioner Ford made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to come out of Executive Session and reconvene into regular session. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

President Tuttle made motion for the County Commission to appoint Dan James as Prosecuting Attorney to fill the vacancy left by Debra McLaughlin. Mr. James will start employment on September 22, 2017. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Appointment to approve and hire office staff to the Morgan County Clerk's office**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the hiring of Charity Sullivan to the Morgan County Clerk's office. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Discussion/ Possible Approval of the support letter for the Integrated Community Engagement (ICE).**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve a letter of support for The Integrated Community Engagement (ICE) program. President Tuttle Voted nay, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted nay. Motion denied.

**Discussion/Possible approval of the letter of support for the Young Mountaineer Substance Abuse Study (YMSAS).**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Young Mountaineer Substance Abuse Study (YMSAS). President Tuttle voted nay, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted nay. Motion denied.

**Appointment to approve a one time pay for employee of the Morgan County Assessor's office.**

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve an additional one time pay of \$81.36 for an employee in the Assessor's office for additional hours worked while the Morgan County Sheriff Tax was open to collect taxes. President Tuttle voted yea; Commissioner Ford voted yea; and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Discussion/possible approval to implement new software systems for Assessor's Office costing \$1209.00**

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve funds in the amount of \$1209.00 for installation of new software for the Assessor's office. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Discussion/possible amending of the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to start the procedure of amending the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance and schedule a public hearing to hear public comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Ordinance. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

The proposed amendments include:

1-The first proposed amendment to Section Three-Rate of Tax, Imposition and Exceptions, relates to an increase in the rate of tax imposed from four percent (4%) to six (6%) which would amend the Ordinance to read as follows:

"The rate of tax imposed shall be **six percent (6%)** of the consideration paid for the use or occupancy of a hotel room."

2-The second proposed amendment to Section Three –Rate of Tax, Imposition and Exceptions, relates to removal of the statement:

"Provided, that the tax shall not be imposed on any consumer occupying a hotel room for thirty (30) or more consecutive days"

The public hearing is scheduled for October 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Morgan County Commission Meeting Room.

**Recess**

President Tuttle made a motion to recess the meeting. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.



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## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: 9-11-17				Sheet:	Of:
NO.	NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
1	Lori Kiley	LOPC / self			
2	Irish Strada	media / Journal			
3	BARB WOCTE	HOTEL / MOTEL			
4	Carol York	12 Hotel for WP.			
5	Julie Warr	12 Sec.			
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